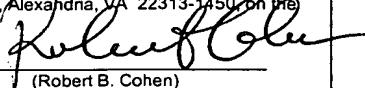




I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Dated: August 24, 2004

Signature:



(Robert B. Cohen)

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-138  
(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Jun Hirai

Application No.: 09/764,602

Group Art Unit: 2136

Filed: January 18, 2001

Examiner: Carl G. Colin

For: CONTENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM,  
CONTENT DISTRIBUTION METHOD,  
CONTENT DISTRIBUTION STATUS  
MONITORING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
AND CONTENT USING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD

**RECEIVED**

SEP 02 2004

Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

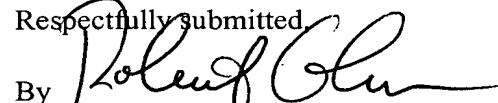
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the references listed on the enclosed form be made of record and considered with respect to the above-referenced U.S. patent application. The cited references were listed on a search report issued in connection with applicant's corresponding European application. A copy of the search report and a copy of each reference are enclosed. Submission of the present Information Disclosure Statement should not be taken as an admission that the cited references are legally available prior art or that the same are pertinent or material.

In the event that any fee is due in connection with the present Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

Dated: August 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By   
Robert B. Cohen

Registration No.: 32,768  
LERNER, DAVID, LITTMERBERG,  
KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP  
600 South Avenue West  
Westfield, New Jersey 07090  
(908) 654-5000  
Attorney for Applicant

LD-4581

510813\_1.DOC



PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete If Known	
				RECEIVED	
				SEP 02 2004	
				Technology Center 2100	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>					
(Use as many sheets as necessary)					
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	SONYJP 3.0-138

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	4,972,471-A1	11-20-1990	Gross et al.	
	AB	5,893,067-A1	04-06-1999	Bender et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	BA	EP-0 715 244-A1	06-05-1996	Xerox Corporation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	BB	WO-99/63443-A1	12-09-1999	Datamark Technologies PTE LTD.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			T <sup>2</sup>

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

510821\_1.DOC

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------